

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-20 were originally filed in the present application.

Claims 1, 9, 16 and 17 were previously cancelled.

Claims 21-35 were previously added.

Claims 2-8, 10-15 and 18-35 are pending in the application.

Claims 2-8, 10-15 and 18-21 were allowed in the March 1, 2005 Office Action.

Claims 22-27 and 29-34 were rejected in the March 1, 2005 Office Action.

Claims 24 and 35 were objected to in the March 1, 2005 Office Action.

Claims 22-35 are cancelled herein.

Claims 2-8, 10-15 and 18-21 remain in the application.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

In the March 1, 2005 Office Action, the Examiner objected to Claims 7 and 15 under 37 C.F.R. §1.75 as being substantially duplicative of Claims 28 and 35. The Applicant believes that the double patenting rejection under 35 U.S.C. §101 contains numerous typographical errors. The Applicant notes as an initial matter that the Office Action Summary indicated that Claims 24 and 35 were objected to, not Claims 7 and 15. Moreover, Claims 38 and 35 bear no similarity to Claims 7 and 15. The Applicant believes that the Examiner intended to reject Claims 22 and 29 as being substantially duplicative of Claims 7 and 15. However, this point is now moot in view of the cancellation of Claims 22-35.

In the March 1, 2005 Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 22-24 and 29-31 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by the Admitted Prior Art in FIGURE 2 of the present application. The Applicant respectfully asserts that the rejections of Claims 22-24 and 29-31 are now moot in view of the cancellation of Claims 22-35.

In the March 1, 2005 Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 25, 26, 32 and 33 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Admitted Prior Art in FIGURE 2 of the present application in view of U. S. Patent No. 6,381,455 to *Smolik* (hereafter, simply "*Smolik*"). The Applicant respectfully asserts that the rejections of Claims 25, 26, 32 and 33 are now moot in view of the cancellation of Claims 22-35.

In the March 1, 2005 Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 27 and 34 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Admitted Prior Art in FIGURE 2 of the present application in view of U. S. Patent No. 5,436,900 to *Hammar* (hereafter, simply "*Hammar*"). The Applicant respectfully asserts that the rejections of Claims 27 and 34 are now moot in view of the cancellation of Claims 22-35.

**SUMMARY**

For the reasons given above, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of pending claims and that this Application be passed to issue. If any outstanding issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of this Application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at *jmockler@davismunck.com*.

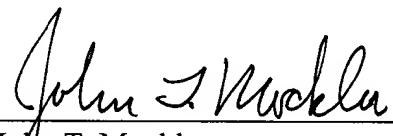
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

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